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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Public Workshop Regarding Proposed Diesel Particulate Matter Control Measure For On-Road Heavy-Duty Diesel-Fueled Residential And Commercial Solid Waste Collection Vehicles

Background: In August 1998 the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) identified particulate matter (PM) exhaust from diesel-fueled engines as a toxic air contaminant. Following that determination, the ARB developed the Risk Reduction Plan to Reduce Particulate Matter Emissions from Diesel-Fueled Engines and Vehicles (Diesel Risk Reduction Plan or DRRP). The DRRP, approved by the Board in September 2000, identified a number of air toxic control measures to reduce public exposure to diesel PM, including the use of emission control devices or strategies on in-use engines.

On May 16, 2002, the Board approved the Diesel Emission Control Strategy Verification Procedure, Warranty And In-Use Compliance Requirements For On-Road, Off-Road, And Stationary Diesel-Fueled Vehicles And Equipment. To view verified Diesel Emission Control Strategies, and for more information, you may access ARB's website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/dieselrrp.htm>.

Workshop: This proposed regulation applies to collection vehicle owners and the agencies that contract for residential and commercial solid waste collection. A solid waste collection vehicle is an on-road heavy-duty vehicle with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of greater than 14,000 pounds, which is used for the purpose of collecting residential and commercial solid waste for a fee. Previously, ARB has held three series of public workshops: on June 26 and 28, 2001, September 4 and 5, 2001, and February 26 and 28, 2002. In order to provide additional opportunity for public review, ARB staff will hold a fourth series of public workshops to discuss recent revisions to the proposed rule. Issues to be discussed include definitions, methods for record keeping, the low sulfur fuel requirement, compliance extensions, and streamlining the reporting requirements.

The workshops will be held at the Cal/EPA building in Sacramento and the ARB facility in El Monte. Note that the workshops may end earlier than scheduled if all issues have been discussed.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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Date: December 9, 2002
Time: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Cal/EPA Bldg.
Central Valley Auditorium, 2nd Fl.
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Date: December 10, 2002
Time: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: ARB Bldg.
Auditorium, Annex 4
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

After our third workshop on this regulation we revised the draft order to incorporate oral and written comments from the public. Staff also met individually and in groups with various stakeholders. The most current Solid Waste Collection Vehicle Rule Proposed Regulation Order will be available by November 25, 2002. At that time you will be able to get a copy of the draft proposal from our website:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/SWCV/SWCV.htm>, or you can request a copy by mail or by fax transmission. If you would like to receive a copy by fax or mail, please fill out the attached form and fax it to (626) 575-6699.

Staff encourages comments regarding this draft of the proposed solid waste collection vehicle rule and would appreciate receiving comments by December 19, 2002. Timely submittal of comments allows staff time to address comments before the proposed regulation order is submitted to the Board for consideration in 2003. Please send your comments to Ms. Crystal Reul Chen at creul@arb.ca.gov or mail them to our office, attention Crystal Reul Chen.

If you have special accommodation or language needs, or have any questions or comments regarding the workshop, please contact Ms. Minal Khedia, Staff, Retrofit Implementation Section, at mkhedia@arb.ca.gov or (626) 350-6407, as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

Sincerely,



Robert H. Cross, Chief
Mobile Source Control Division

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